

RAMESHWARAM, MADURAI & SRIRANGAM · CLASSIC ITINERARY

Classic Temple Trail

The route most families take: fly into Madurai, do Meenakshi darshan, cross to Rameshwaram for the Jyotirlinga and theertham snan, then finish at Srirangam and Rockfort before flying out of Trichy.

5 nights / 6 days Route: **Madurai – Rameshwaram – Trichy** From **₹26,000** per person, indicative

Day by day

Day

1

AHMEDABAD → MADURAI

Arrive and settle in

One-stop flight from Ahmedabad lands in Madurai by afternoon. Check into the hotel and rest after travel. In the evening, walk around the Meenakshi Temple's outer streets and have your first Tamil thali dinner.

Stay: **Madurai** · Meals: **Dinner**

Day

2

MADURAI

Meenakshi Amman darshan

Morning darshan at Meenakshi Amman Temple (opens 5 am; the crowd builds after 8 am, so an early start helps). Afternoon visit to Thirumalai Nayakkar Palace, a 17th-century Indo-Saracenic hall with a sound-and-light show in the evening. Return to the temple by 9 pm for the night ceremony, when the deity is carried in procession to Lord Sundareswarar's shrine.

Stay: **Madurai** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day

3

MADURAI → RAMESHWARAM

To the Jyotirlinga

Drive to Rameshwaram (170 km, about 4 hours) via Ramanathapuram. Afternoon Agni Theertham sea bath followed by darshan at Ramanathaswamy Temple; the main sanctum closes 1 pm–3 pm, so plan the visit around that. Evening free to walk the temple corridors, among the longest in India.

Stay: **Rameshwaram** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
4

RAMESHWARAM

22 theertham snan and Dhanushkodi

Early morning 22 theertham snan inside the temple (buy the ticket at the counter; wet clothes only, no separate changing room at each well, so wear something you can bathe in repeatedly). After a change and breakfast, drive to Dhanushkodi and the Pamban Bridge viewpoint, with a jeep transfer for the last 5 km of beach track. Visit Kothandaramaswamy Temple on the way back, associated with Vibhishana's surrender to Lord Rama.

Stay: **Rameshwaram** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
5

RAMESHWARAM → TRICHY

Srirangam and Rockfort

Drive to Trichy (170 km, about 4 hours). Afternoon darshan at Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple, Srirangam — allow at least 2 hours to walk through the outer prakaras, shops and the thousand-pillar hall before reaching the sanctum. Evening climb (or a slower walk with breaks) up the 400-plus steps of Rockfort to the Uchi Pillayar shrine for sunset views.

Stay: **Trichy** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
6

TRICHY → AHMEDABAD

Jambukeswarar and fly home

Morning visit to Jambukeswarar Temple at Thiruvanaikaval, a short drive from Srirangam. Head to Trichy airport for the flight home; leave at least 3 hours before departure.

Stay: — · Meals: **Breakfast**

Inclusions

Included

- + Flight Ahmedabad–Madurai and Trichy–Ahmedabad
- + 5 nights in inspected 3★/4★ hotels
- + Private AC vehicle for the whole trip including the Dhanushkodi jeep transfer
- + Daily breakfast and veg dinner
- + Theertham snan ticket and temple-helper arrangement at Rameshwaram
- + Airport pickup and drop

Not included

- Lunches
- Thirumalai Nayakkar Palace sound-and-light show ticket
- Travel insurance
- GST 5%

Indicative cost

STANDARD

₹26,000–32,000

PREMIUM

₹40,000–52,000

Per person, twin sharing

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Per person on twin sharing, indicative for 2026, including flights at normal fares. December and Vaikunta Ekadasi period run 15–20% higher and need earlier booking. All prices on this document are indicative for 2026 and confirmed in writing at the time of booking.

Good to know

Getting there. Fly: Ahmedabad–Madurai is one-stop (usually via Chennai or Bengaluru), about 4–5 hours total, and is the best airport for this circuit since Meenakshi and Rameshwaram are both close.

Ahmedabad–Trichy is also one-stop and suits a Trichy-in/Trichy-out or Trichy-out routing. Chennai has more direct Ahmedabad flights but adds a 5–6 hour road transfer to Madurai.

Food. Madurai and Rameshwaram both have Gujarati-run guesthouses and restaurants used to pilgrim groups from Gujarat; we book ahead for a proper Gujarati thali on at least one night per stop. Tamil Nadu's own vegetarian food is very good and entirely safe for the trip — try the banana-leaf meal, pongal, and filter coffee at any of the well-known chains (Saravana Bhavan, Sangeetha).

Permits and rules. No permits required. All four main temples enforce a dress code: dhoti or formal trousers for men (no shorts, no bare chest inside the sanctum areas at Rameshwaram and Srirangam), and saree or salwar for women — Western wear and short skirts are turned away at the gate. Cameras and phones are not allowed inside the sanctum sanctorum at any of these temples; leave them at the counter or in the car. The 22 theertham snan at Rameshwaram needs a separate paid ticket bought at the temple counter, and you bathe in wet clothes as each well is drawn, so plan for a full change afterward. At Srirangam, the innermost sanctum (Ranga Vilasam) restricts entry to Hindus; the outer prakaras, Thousand Pillar Hall and most of the complex are open to all visitors.

Pack

- Cotton dhoti or a plain saree/salwar kept aside just for temple visits
- A full spare set of clothes and a towel for the 22 theertham snan at Rameshwaram
- Sunhat and sunscreen — long walks on hot open stone in Rameshwaram and Madurai
- Comfortable slip-on footwear, since shoes come off at every temple gate
- Refillable water bottle; heat and walking add up over a temple day
- A light shawl for early-morning darshans and the Vivekananda Rock ferry spray
- Basic medicine kit including ORS — the heat and long walking days catch out first-timers

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